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THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

NORTHERN ALASKA ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER, et al., Case No. 3:20-cv-00114-SLG

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, et al.,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF RELATED CASE

(Local Civil Rule 3.1 and 16.1(e))

Pursuant to Local Civil Rules 3.1 and 16.1(e), Northern Alaska Environmental Center, *et al.* provides notice that the following cases were filed on February 2, 2018, in the United States District Court for the District of Alaska:

Northern Alaska Environmental Center et al. v. U.S. Department of the Interior et al., Case No. 3:18-cv-00030-SLG, appeal docketed, No. 19-35008 (9th Cir. Jan. 4, 2019) [hereinafter Northern I], and Natural Resources Defense Council et al. v. Zinke et al., Case No. 3:18-cv-00031-SLG, appeal docketed, No. 19-35006 (9th Cir. Jan. 4, 2019) [hereinafter NRDC].

The Alaska District Court issued its decision in *Northern I* and *NRDC* on December 6, 2018, and they are now pending before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. The following case was also filed on March 1, 2019, in the United States District Court for the District of Alaska: *Northern Alaska Environmental Center et al. v. U.S. Department of the Interior et al.*, Case No. 3:19-cv-00055-SLG [hereinafter *Northern II*].

These cases arise out of the Bureau of Land Management's decisions to conduct oil and gas lease sales in the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska. *Northern I* involves a challenge the 2017 lease sale, *NRDC* involves a challenge to the 2016 and 2017 lease sales, and *Northern II* involves a challenge to the 2018 lease sale. The present case challenges the 2019 lease sale.

Because all these cases involve the same geographic area, address prior lease sales, and involve similar claims, there may be economies from assigning the cases to the same judge.

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Respectfully submitted May 15, 2020,

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I certify that on May 15, 2020, I caused a copy of the NOTICE OF RELATED CASE to be electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court for the U.S. District Court of Alaska using the CM/ECF system. For the parties who have not yet registered an appearance, a copy was served via U.S. Mail to:

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